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SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR US POSITION ILO AT OAS DINNER IN GENEVA.

1. AT DINNER OF THE AMERICAN AMBASSADORS HONORING DR. ORFILA, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE OAS, THE AMBASSADOR OF COLOMBIA TOLD ME CONFIDENTIALLY THAT HE HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS GOVERNMENT TO COOPERATE WITH THE UNITED STATES IN EVERY WAY REGARDING ILO PROBLEMS AND IN PARTICULAR, IN APPROACHES TO THE QUESTION OF RESTRUCTURING. HIS OPINION, HAVING SERVED DURING THESE LAST THREE MONTHS AS CHAIRMAN OF THE LATIN AMERICAN REGIONAL GROUP OF THE G-77 IS THAT WE COULD EXPECT SOLID SUPPORT FOR THE OBJECTIVES OUTLINED IN THE 1975 LETTER. HE ALSO EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE SYMPATHETIC TO THE REQUEST BY SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES TO EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION IN THE GOVERNING BODY, BUT HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT HIS INSTRUCTIONS WERE TO SUPPORT THE POSITION THAT THE U.S. FINALLY DETERMINED NECESSARY TO ITS CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP.

2. IN A TOAST DURING THE EVENING, THE JAMAICAN AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED THE OPINION WHICH WAS BROADLY APPLAUDED THAT THE COUNTRIES OF THE AMERICAS WERE BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND HOW CONFIDENTIAL

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FORTUNATE THEY ARE TO HAVE THE STRONGEST NATION IN THE WORLD NOT ONLY AS THEIR NEIGHBOR, BUT ESPECIALLY AS A FRIEND WHO IS PREPARED TO LISTEN TO THEIR NEEDS AND PARTICIPATE IN MUTUAL PROBLEMS WITH A SENSE OF FAIRNESS, EQUALITY AND HUMANITY.

THE AMBASSADOR OF JAMAICA SAID THAT IN HIS EXPERIENCE IN NEGOTIATING WITH THE MAJOR POWERS, THAT "THE UNITED STATES WAS THE MOST OPEN, THE MOST CANDID AND THE LEAST SINISTER OF

ALL COUNTRIES."

3. THIS REPORT IS RELEVANT AS A REFLECTION OF A CHANGED
ENVIRONMENT WHICH GIVES SUBSTANTIAL PROMISE OF A BROAD
COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP AMONG THE COUNTRIES OF THE
WESTERN HEMISPHERE IN MATTERS AFFECTING ALL OF US IN GENEVA.
VANDEN HEUVEL

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